~~CHIEF~~ SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

REVENUE BRANCH.

OFFICE NOTE.

SUBJECT. Regarding the recovery of the arrears of assessment due on the excess lands found in the Hulkunda Estate, Alur Sub-Taluk, belonging to Mr J. P. Hunt, Coffee-Planter.

LAST REFERENCE. Letter No. 855 dated 20th March 1897

from The Dy. Commr Hassan Dt

During the Coffee Settlement ~~Jamabandy~~ of 1881-82, the lands comprising the Hulkunda Estate were granted to Mr Edwin Hunt for coffee cultivation on a permanent assessment of Re 1-8-0 per acre. The extent of the estate according to the rough measurement then made, was put down as 94-1-94. A. G. ~~A.~~

× Vide Serial No 45 Rev. Accts.

2. On a further representation made by Mr Edwin Hunt the ~~As a sort of Co~~ [redacted] lands were granted on half

× Vide Ser. No 5 Rev. Accts. 1897

assessment

ment @ Re 1-8-0 per acre,
4 years, and this rate was levied
from 1881-82 to 1884-85. But
in the meantime, ~~the lands having been~~
~~surveyed~~, the Survey Akarband
received in the D.C.'s Showed that × Vide Serial Nos 2 & 3 Return. records
according to the survey settlement
the lands measured 132 acres &
20 guntas, of which 20 guntas
was Kharab. So, full assess-
ment at Re 1-8-0 per acre had
to be put on the whole
of the 132 acres from 1885-86,
and also half the assessment from
1881-82 to 1884-85, on the excess
land found in the estate accord-
ing to the settlement.
~~new measurement.~~

The Amildar of Hassan reported Vide Serial No 9 Vern. records.
the above facts to the Sub Division
Officer, Hassan in his report of
the 3rd December 1886, soliciting
instructions as to the recovery
of the assessment on the excess
land found in the said Estate.
The Sub-Division officer reported [redacted] 10 Vern.
the matter to the Supdt. Rev. Survey

Previous references.

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Later references.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1 – 6

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SUBJECT.

Excess land found in Kulkunda Coffee Estate of Mr James Hunt, Alur Sub Taluk and his Complaint as to assessment thereon demanded.

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81 ~~Letter~~ Memo dt 28.11.96 from Mr. James Hunt forwards Certain Correspondence Connected with his Complaint as to the arrears of assessment demanded and Requests that it may be presented for final orders of Govt. He further states that the offer he has tendered, to pay full Rate from last year, is one that Govt may favourably Consider as a Compromise and settlement of this long standing dispute.

2. Letter 2 Jany 97 from do do

G. R. S. 58 Mr Byrne in the above Requests that such orders may be passed by Govt and brings to the notice that Govt the high handed proceedings of the Native Officials, demanding payment

[illegible] arrears within a fortnight.

No 6821 [illegible] Report [illegible]
Friends & Ryots and requests that a full Report [illegible]
all the connected papers may be submitted at an
early date.

No 6822 [illegible] No Dist Jones & Black
informs him of the above and that the S.C Nazeer
has been instructed to stop all coercive measures
for the Recovery of the arrears pending final
orders of Govt

[illegible] No 81. of 30.3.97 from the D.C Nazeer.
Submits the Report called for in P 8.

[illegible] dy Conr Nazeer.
Records that Ryot ought to have Conformed strictly
to the Terms of the Settlement and Confined his
Cultivation to 3 Acres instead of extending it.
That the crop raised is reported to be fair or
Coffee Cultivation and that Ryot wants to have
the Lease at the five Rate allowed for Lands
Cancd. That the D.C. will again explain to Ryot
the Govt Order and if he does not pay up the
Arrears within a Reasonable time, adopt the
usual measures for the Recovery of the
Arrears.

enquiring whether the full assessment on the 132 acres of land found in the Hulikunde Estate, was levied for Fasli (1885-86) and for Vyaya (1886-8

× Vide serial No 16 Ver. Records

3. The Survey Supdt. indicated × that out of the 132 acres of land comprising the Estate, 90 acres were thickly covered with Coffee plants, that 42 acres were fit for such cultivation and that 20 gunthas were kharab. He was therefore of opinion that the whole extent of 132 acres ~~might~~ be assessed at Rs 1-8-0 per acre from that year.

(Mr Thomson)

4. The Dy. Comr ^ thereupon directed the Amildar of Hassan, to recover from Mrs Hunt, the half assessment, as per terms of the original Settlement, from the year Vishu (1881-82) & the

× Vide serial No 16 Ver. Records.

to full assessment for Fasli
Vijaya, on the whole of the
132 acres of land, after deducting
the amount of assessment al-
ready remitted from Mr. "
Hunt.

5. The Auditor found that the vide Serial No. 17 Item, Receipts.
arrears due from Mr. Hunt on
the estate, up to 1886-87 was
Rs 316-7-5, and issued a notice
to him for the payment of
Rs 381-2-6 including expenses
of Pahnis, interest, notice fee &
up to July 1887. But Mr. J.P.
Hunt requested that he might vide Serial No. 25 Item, Receipts.
be given time till the return
of the previous manager of the
estate, Mr. James Hunt, from
Europe. But again the Dy.
Comr. (Mr. Ramaiya) directed the Auditor vide Serial No. 28 Item, Receipts
to proceed against Mr. J. P. Hunt
for the recovery of the arrears.

6. In his letter dated 31st January vide Serial No. 32 Item, Receipts
1888, to the Auditor of Hassan,
Mr. J. P. Hunt proposed

that

that the originally settlement
of 1881-82, might be continued
as to 94 acres 88 acres, & that
the remaining 37 acres might
be regarded as grass land and
assessed at 4 annas per acre
from the year 1885-86, the
year in which the previous
Concession of paying ½ assess-
-ment ceased. According
to this proposal, the total
assessment on the 132 acres
would amount to Rs 160-1-8
annually, instead of Rs 210-6-4
as it would if the full assess-
-ment, at Re 1-8-4 per acre,
were levied on the whole
extent of 132 acres.

7. During the years 1887-1890 several
notices were issued to Mr. J.P.
Hunt requiring him to pay up
the arrears, but he did not
comply with them.

Sd.

8. In reply to a letter dated 23/6/92 × see serial No 52 Rem. Records
the Amildar of Haddan, requiring
Mr J. P. Hunt to pay up the
arrears due on his estate up to
end of June 1890, amounting
to Rs 409-5-0, he stated ×
that he could not accept the
responsibility of paying any
further arrears, and that he had
paid up all arrears and Current
dues up to that date on the
terms proposed to Amildar
A. R. Sreenivasa Rao viz at
the rate of Rs 60-1-8 per annum.
He denied all liability to pay
the previous arrears, alleging that
the settlement of 1881-82 was
made without full knowledge of
the actual area ~~of land~~
~~cultivated~~ of the Estate.

× Please see serial No 54 Rem. Records.

9. Mr Sreenivasachariar, the
Jamabundy officer who was
directed by the Deputy Commr
to inspect Mr Hunt's Estate ×

× Please see serial No 59 Rem. Records.

and report, inspected it on the 19-7-92 and reported that the whole of the area comprising the Estate, was planted with coffee, and that Mr. J.P. Hunt promised to clear up the arrears after receipt of the years produce. The Dy. Comr. therefore directed the Amildar, to recover the arrears from Mr. J. P. Hunt, ~~if any due~~. But Mr. Hunt replied to the Shekdar who demanded the arrears, that there were no arrears outstanding against him &c.

× Vide serial No. 61 Hern. Records.

10. On the 21-7-94, Mr. Permiah, the then Dy. Comr. directed the Amildar of Hassan to recover the arrears due from Mr. J.P. Hunt, observing that the Jamabandy officer, who had inspected

Vide Serial No. 62 Hern. Records.

inspected the land & found
that no part was left un-
-cultivated, that at the time
of Survey, 90 acres were plant
-ed with Coffee, and 42 acres
were ordered as fit for cul-
-tivation, that the old prac
-tice of granting lands in
Coffee estates, as grant land
was put an end to by Govt
Proc: No 13101-9/154-93 dated 6-2-94,
and that therefore Mr J.P.
Hunt was not entitled to
any Concession.

11 When the Assistant Commissi
-oner read the above order & the
observations therein made to
Mr J. P. Hunt, he replied + vide serial No 67 Vernacular Record
denying all liability to
pay any arrears, and request
-ing that the property might
be inspected once again.

12. The Dy. Comr (Mr. Krishna
-swamiengar), having ins-

Revenue officials de. ~~and State~~
He therefore stated that he had no intention of paying any arrears, and that he would pay full rates on the acreage according to the Survey, from 1896-97.

14. The present Dy. Comr. having considered the matter, passed an order as follows:-

Vide serial no © Eng. Records.

"xxx The grant of the Coffee land was subject to correct measurement by the Survey Deptt. only its approximate measurement was originally given, and as long as the present holder wishes to keep the land, he ought to subject himself to the correct and final settlement. xxx " If Mr. J. P. Hunt does not care for the land, the extra extent will be 'shaded' into a separate number

number under the rules and sold. But if Mr. Hunt does not consent to this and fails to pay the amount of arrears, measures should be taken to recover the amount by attachment and sale of the property."

15. The above order was Com-municated to Mr. J. P. Hunt, and he addressed Govt. in his letter of the 23rd Nov. 1896 pray-ing for final settlement of the matter, and again in his letter* of the 3rd January 1897, Mr. Hunt complained that Coercive measures, were being taken, to recover the arrears due from him, and prayed that such proceedings might be ordered to be stopped, till the matter was finally

* vide serial No. 6 Conf. Rec.

* Do - serial No. 9 -

inspected the lands stated

(See Serial No 69 Vern. Rec.) in his letter of the 25th May

1596 to Mr J. F. Hunt, that

"If the settlement officer had

"known (in 1581-82) that the

"land consisted of 132 acres

"and 20 perches, in fixing the

"assessment on 94 acres, he

"would have passed some

"remarks as regards the rest

"of the extent of the land"

"The fact is, that at the time of

"the Settlement, the extent was

"roughly put down, pending

"more accurate measurement

"afterwards." He further states

"You complain ..... that about

"40 acres of land was but poor

"and rocky. I have seen

"your Estate in Company with

"your Son and agent and

"have found it impossible

at

" at this length of time to
separate poor from the rich
lands, where Coffee is fully
planted." The Dy. Com.r,
therefore, requested Mr. J. P.
Hunt to pay up the arrears
under protest & and appeal to
Govt. if he was dissatisfied
with the decision.

13/ In his letter of Septr 7th, 1876, to the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. J. P. Hunt, states that these arrears were the affairs of the Revenue officials of past times, and the then managers of the Kulkude Estate, and that as the arrears on 34 acres of bad land incapable of cultivation of any kind, were left for so many years uncollected, it was manifest that the Settlement of 1881-82 by the then Dy. Comr. was considered equitable, accepted & remained in force and acted on by successive

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Sealed Bond (Cr.

It is a very great
simple question was
long allowed to
undecided - the
relies upon the delay
and declines to pay
with the heavy expenses
he must have incurred
Right for the delay he
allege to have no case
at all -

C.
7-5-97

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The delay in
making
as demands were
being made from
time to time. The
objn raised by the
Trust is most un-
reasonable. If the
Trustees exercised
their discretion
when, upon the
first settlement this
was presented
to object to modi
fication in regard
to the extent as explained
by all the witnesses
by Counsel for the Trust
and by what
strictly within terms of
bond by what Settlor

& confined his
cultivation to 4
acres - & extend
his cultivation beyond
that extent is a
clear encroachment
which will render
the Hunt liable
under the new rules.
The lands wanted
were fit for coffee
cultivation & should
be required where
the land which has
once been discontinued
cannot be complied
with. The Dist Court
will again explain
them fully to the Hunt
& if he does not pay
up the arrears within
a reasonable time
the usual
measures for the
recovery of the dues
will be adopted
by the Authorities

25/5/97.

Draft approved
25/5/97

Rec'd from Govt
Pleader 1/6/97

Revised draft

decided by Govt 13

16. Upon this representation the Dy. Comrs was directed to stop all coercive measures for the recovery of the arrears till the question was finally settled, and to submit a complete report on the subject.

17. In his present Communication the Dy. Comrs reports that Mr J. P. Hunt has been withholding payments of the assessments on the excess land found in his Estate, from 1881-82, the year of the first settlement.

18. It will be seen from the Vernacular papers that the original extent of the Estate which was granted by

× Vide this Office docket No 6521 R-2304 dated 29-1-97.

Pol. Dept

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(a)

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Mercara: November 22. 1896

To

The Revenue Secretary

to The Dewan of Mysore

Sir

I have the honour to enclose some correspondence and an order dated November 12th instant, by the Deputy Amildar of Hassan taluk, which I shall return the favor of your presenting for the final orders of the Government.

As the Krishnahunti had to do with the question in dispute, when Deputy Commissioner of the Hassan taluk, he will recollect the circumstances of the Hoolkomdah estate, which will facilitate a correct decision being arrived at, and I feel confident the offer I have tendered, to pay full rates from year, is one the Government will favourably consider, as a Compromise and Settlement of this long standing dispute.

Should the Government not be able to see its way to comply with my proposals I must leave the matter to be disposed of in the manner suggested in the 3rd para of the Deputy Commissioner's order, viz for the pillee to be formed into a separate number, and sold.

I have the honour to be

Sir your most obedient Servant

J. F. Hunt

by Mr. Hunt from one Hyatt
Sheriff was only 13 acres forming
No 1 and that when assessment
on Coffee lands was for the first
time fixed in 1931-32, Mr. Hunt
was found to be in possession
of 94-1-94 which was confirmed
to him at the permanent rate
of Rs 1-3-0 per acre. The
Survey Authorities subsequently
received fresh that the total
area of land holding Mr Hunt
was 132-20 of which 20 hunters
were cleared. The additional
area thus found in Mr. Hunt's
possession was therefore liable
to pay full assessment from
the year in which the original
settlement was made. But the position of this additional
this area cannot, it is respectfully
submitted be not determined as
is observed by the present Dy Commr
in his order cited in para 1 of
this Memo. - As the arrears
are due on the whole estate,
it is a point for consideration
whether this order of the Dy Commr is correct.
Submitted for orders.
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT
Gl. No. 3547
No. 2541
27 NOV. 96
DEPUTY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

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1896

From J. P. Hunt Esquire,
Mercara

To
The ~~Revenue~~ Secretary to the
Govt. of Mysore.
General and Revenue Departments

Dated 23rd November 1896

Despatched

Received

General No.
No.

Enclosure No. 1

Forwarding for final orders of Government correspondence relating to the dispute in connection with Horkondah Estate.

References to be marked.

Gl Records.

Please for Govt. information of Govt. on the subject.

30/11 Please quote the orders required

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Gl Records.

Please see para 2 of Rev. Board's letter and also para 1 of the Copy of the Revenue Commissioner's letter to Rev. Board dated 12.6.96.

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may be submitted at
any early date and
that pending final orders
of Govt thereon, all co-
ercive measures for the
recovery of arrears may
be Stayed.

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"By Order"

6-1-97

Secretary

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To. Drafts

Mr. J. P. Hunt
of the Hulkunda
estate,
at Mereara.

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Dated. 29/1/97

No. 68/22
R. 2305

In reply to his letters
of 23d Novr 1896 and 3d Janr 97
on the subject of the demand
for the arrears of assessment
on the ~~Extra cattle~~ cows
stated to have been found
in the Hulkunda Estate,
Mr. J. P. Hunt is informed
that a report has been
called for from the Dy
Commr. on the subject &
he has been instructed to
stop all coercive measures
for the recovery of the

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To
The Revenue Secretary
to the Govt of Mysore
Bangalore

Sir,

I have not been favoured as yet with a reply to my reference regarding arrears of Cess on the Devikondal Estate, but since finding it a notice has been served on me, by the Amildar of Alur, dated November 30th, demanding payment of these arrears within a fortnight; failing payment of which, the crops and immovables on the Devikondal Estate will be attached.

If you will be so good as to read again the letter from me to yourself, dated November 23, a copy of which was sent to the Deputy Commissioner, you will see, that if the orders of the Government were adverse, I should have to decide whether I would pay the arrears, or have the unproductive piece granted with a separate pist, and Cist, as suggested by the Deputy Commissioner.

Pending these orders, these high handed proceedings of the Native ruling officials, are without warrant, and calculated to bring out the bad feeling between the planters and the Mysore officials, which found expression in the columns of the Madras mail, and from what I know of the Person, such unusual proceedings will meet with no countenance, & I have taken the liberty of bringing them to your knowledge.

Apologising for again troubling you

I remain Sir
Your very obedient Servant
J. P. Hunt

Hurcara
January 3rd 1897.

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To. 2 Drafts

Mr. J. P. Hunt
of the Hulkunda
Estate,
at Mereara

Dated. 29th-97

No. 6822
R. 2305

In reply to his letters
of 23rd Nov: 1896 and 3rd Jan: 97
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that a report has been
called for from the Dy
Commr. on the subject &
he has been instructed to
stop all coercive measures
for the recovery of the

arrears pending final orders of Govt in the matter.

"By Order"

Secretary

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assessment

on an acreage of 1-8-4 per acre. This estate was approximately measured (20) the extent being shown as 94-1-94. It was directed that half assessment should be paid for the 1st four years and full assessment from the fifth year. In the meantime the land was regularly surveyed and according to the akanband received from the Survey Superintendent the total extent of the estate was 132-20 with an assessment of Rs. 198-4-4. Mr. J.P. Hunt was then called upon to pay the excess amount viz 56.13.4, difference between the old and the new measurement from 1881-2. Mr. J.P. Hunt refused

refused to pay this on the ground that the excess area discovered was only Hulgaval and that the same should not be assessed at coffee rate. The concession claimed was refused as the Survey Superintendent had written that the whole 132 acres were fit for coffee. It was however ordered that the land should be inspected by the Jamabandy Officer. Jamabundy officer Mr. Srinivasacharlu inspected the Estate on 19-9-92, reported that no part of the estate was without coffee plants and that Mr. J. P. Hunt had agreed to clear up the arrears on receipt of the current year's

Coffee

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Deputy Commissioner's office
Kacchar District
Kachar Dated 20th March 19..

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From

The Deputy Commissioner
Kaccar District

To

The Secretary to the
Government of Assam
Agriculture and Revenue Dept.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 582/R234 of 15th Ultimo, calling for report on the ~ assessment due by the O. P. Tank, Cultivation Plantation, Sukkunda Estate, Silchar, I have the honour to ~ report that during the Jamabundi of 1881-82 the Sukkunda Estate was granted for cultivation to Messrs ——— James & Edwin Hunt on

Enclosures with one file of Revenue papers received herewith

has finally settled the matter under (31)
dispute and I cannot call into question
its justice or fairness.

The grant of the coffee land
was subject to correct measure-
-ment by the Survey Department.
Only its approximate measurement
was originally given and as long as
the present holder wishes to keep the
land he ought to subject himself
to the correct and final settlement.
The arrears of kandayem are a charg
on the land itself primarily and
when the same are not recoverable
by its sale, the persons that have
enjoyed

enjoyed its produce during these years will become responsible.

If Mr. J. P. Hunt does not care for the land the extra extent will be "phoded" into a separate number under the rules and sold. But if Mr. Hunt does not consent to this and fail to pay the amount of arrears, measures should be taken to recover the amount by attachment and sale of the property.

One month's notice will be given to Mr. Hunt before extreme measures are adopted."

2. Mr. J. P. Hunt to whom the above order was communicated, consented to pay up the arrears pending final orders of Government on

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1897

From

The Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

To

The ~~Chief~~ Secretary to the
Government ~~Dewan~~ of Mysore.
General and Revenue Depts.
Bangalore

Dated 20th
Despatched } March 97
Received

Enclosures No.

General No.
No. 855

In reply to No: 6225/R 2304 dated 18th February 97

SUBJECT.

Submitting report on the annual Inspection of Hassan, Coffee and Cardamom Kandra Estate, Alur Sub Taluk office.

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22.3.97

References—(to be entered on slip in the Dewan's Office).

Notes written office work.
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Read:- (33)

Letter No 855 dated 20th March 1897 from the Deputy Commr, Hassan Distrct, Submitting a report, as required in this office No 6821 / R:2304 & 29th January 1897, on the Subject of the arrears of assessment due by Mr J. P. Hunt of the Hulkunda Estate, Alur Subtaluk.

Order thereon:—

During the coffee Settlement of 1881-82, an estimated extent of 94 acres 1 gunta and 94 Sq. yds of coffee land, as then measured, in the Hulkunda village, was Settled in the name of Mr. Edwin Hunt as agreed to by him, at the present rate of assessment viz Rs. 1-8-0 per acre. On a further representation made by Mr Hunt in 1862-83, the land was

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allowed to be held (34) on half assessment for four years from 1881-82 and full assessment was recovered in 1885-86. ~~But~~ the Survey akarband received in the Taluk in 1883 showed ~~that~~ the correct extent of the lands comprized in the Hulkunda Estate to be 132 acres exclusive of 20 guntas of kharab) instead of 94 + odd acres as first estimated in 1881-82. Then arose the question of imposing full assessment @ Rs. 1-8-0 per acre on the whole area of the 132 acres from 1885-86, and half assessment on the excess area viz 38 acres, from 1881-82 to 1884-86 - ~~and~~, and the Survey Supdt ~~has~~ stated that the entire area of ~~is~~ 132 acres, of which 90 acres had been planted with coffee & the rest was fit for such cultivation, was liable to be assessed at Rs 1-8-0 per acre. The Dy Commissioner directed the Amildar to recover half assessment on the excess area of 38 acres as per original settlement, from 1881-82 to 1884-85 and full assessment from 1885-86 on the 132 acres, minus the amount that had been already paid.

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coffee produce. This however, he failed
to do. Accordingly the recovery of
Arrears was ordered by Mr. D. Inglis
Ranja, the then Deputy Commissioner,
Mr. J. P. Hunt again requested that the
land should be once more inspected,
and the late Mr. Inglis's successor
deems to have complied with his
request. He found that it was
impossible to separate hoor from
rich Cardamom coffee is fully-
planted, and ordered that recov-
-ery steps for the recovery of
the Arrears should be taken early.
On communicating this order to

Mr. J. P. Hunt

Mr J. S. Hunt in his office letter No 1940 of 20th May last, a copy of which is attached to the record, he protested to pay on the ground that the arrears were left unrecovered by the successive Revenue Authorities from the then Managers of the Estate and that he is not liable to pay the same. On perusal of the records I passed the following order:—

"I have read the records in the matter of the arrear due on the Hulikunda Estate in the Alur Sub-Talluk as also the reply of Mr J. S. Hunt to the objections dated 12th June 1896. I find that my predecessor Mr Krishnaswamiah has

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become to any officer that ~~this~~ that area was ~~was~~ incapable of ~~growing~~ producing anything but grass. In April 1892, the Amildar issued another demand notice

Under the orders of the Dy Commr., the Jamabandi officer inspected the Estate and reported in Sept^r 1892 that Mr J. P. Hunt promised to settle the question of arrears as soon as he received the years produce, that all the lands of the Estate had been planted with coffee, & that Mr. Hunt was informed that he might apply for the Sub-division of the land. if he wanted to resign the 38 acres of land said to be Kharab. In March 1893, the Dy Commr communicated the above report to the Amildar & directed him to recover the arrears at once. In June 1893, the Sheikdar demanded ~~Mr Hunt for the~~ arrears from Mr Hunt, & the latter said that there were no arrears standing against him, & that he was awaiting the orders of the

Dy Commr in the matter of the further concession that had been proposed by Avilour Srinivasa Rao. In Aug 1894. the Dy Commr directed the Avilour to inform Mr Hunt that as the Survey Supdt had clearly stated that 90 acres of the Estate had been planted with coffee & the remaining 42 acres was fit for such cultivation, his application for the assessment of the excess area at 4 as per acre could not be complied with, that the grant of such a concession was contrary to the orders of Govt No 13101-9 R. 154 & 6th Feb 1894, and that therefore he should pay up all the arrears. A notice was again sent to Mr Hunt who replied that he had paid up all taxes and arrears & nothing more was due from him. In May 1896, the Dy Commr, the late Mr Robinson Saunders, after personal inspection of the Estate, informed Mr Hunt that if in 1881-82, the Settlement Officer had (35)

prayed for

on the subject, but as in the mean-
-time the government having ordered
the stay of further proceedings, no
steps have been taken in the matter,
he has been withholding payment
of the assessment on the extra land
from the year of settlement.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

[signature]

for Deputy Surveyor
Hawke District

May 1887, the Auditor wrote
to Mr J. F. Hunt, who
was then in charge of the
Estate, asking him to pay
the Sum of Rs. 331-2-6 due
up to the end of the year 1886-87
on account of Kandayam, in-
terest, rent. A reminder was
also sent to him in July 1887.
In August 1887, Mr J. F. Hunt
requested that as Mr James
Hunt, the joint Executor of the
Estate, was absent in England,
the matter might be settled
after his return, as he
himself had no information
on the Subject. In December
1887, the Commr directed
the Auditor to recover the
amount from Mr J. F. Hunt,
who had been written to in
the matter. In January
1888, Mr J. F. Hunt requested
that full assessment might be
levied only on the 94 odd acres from
1885-86 & that the remaining 38
acres
be regarded as grass land and
assessed at 4 annas per acre,
with effect from the same year.

the arrears within a month, measures would be taken to recover the amount by attachment and sale of property.

(41) 2. Mr J. P. Hunt applies for the final decision of Govt in the matter. His objection that there was delay in the collection of the arrears is unreasonable, as demands were being made from time to time. If he relied entirely upon the first settlement which was provisional and subject to modification in regard to the extent as explained by all the successive Dy Commrs Mr Hunt ought to have conformed strictly to the terms of that settlement and confined his cultivation to 94 acres. His extension of his wishes

mitted.
As the original measurement was only approximate, it is doubtful if can now be said that Mr Hunt encroached upon Govt land subsequent to original settlement.

cultivation beyond that area — is a clear encroachment which would render ~~Mr Hunt~~ him liable under the Revenue Rules.

The excess land is reported to be fit for coffee cultivation, and Mr Hunt's request to have the same at the low rate allowed for grass land, ~~which has since been withdrawn~~, cannot be complied with. The Dy: Commr: will again explain these facts to Mr Hunt, and, if he does not pay up the arrears within a reasonable time, adopt the usual measures for the recovery of the arrears.

(49)

This may be omitted

14/6/97

15/6/97

Secretary.

8/6/97.

9/6/97

To the Dy Commr: Hassan Distt:
returning the rev: papers.

Copy to Mr J.P. Hunt of the Hulikunda Estate, Alur Sub Taluk, with reference to his letters of 23.11.96 & 3.1.1897, returning ~~together with~~ the enclosures.

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Up to the year 1890 no final
Settlement was arrived at
as regards the levy of assess-
-ment on the excess land, and notices
were being sent to him fre-
-quently for the payment
of the arrears. In June 1890
the Auditor wrote to ~~and~~
~~asked~~ Mr. J. B. Hunt to pay
up the arrears amounting
to Rs. 410-6-2 inclusive of interest
up to the end of the year 1889-90.
Mr. Hunt replied that his manage-
-ment of the Estate was for
the years 1887-88, 1888-89 and
1889-90, that ~~he~~ during these
years he had paid the arrears
and current taxes, that he
was not responsible for any
further ~~pay~~ arrears, that
Mr. James Hunt should be
held ~~responsible~~ responsible for
the same, and that he was
prepared to resign about
40 acres of rocky ~~land~~ land
if the ~~Settlement~~ offer of ~~Rs~~
~~Confirmed~~ made by him
to the Auditor of the Day be
not accepted, that he would

& to have the excess land assessed at grass rate of 4 annas

known that the land consisted of 132 acres, he would have, in fixing the assessment on 94 acres, recorded some remarks as regards the rest of the estate, that the land were then roughly measured, subject to a more accurate measurement afterwards, that about 40 acres of land stated by him to be poor and rocky could not, at such a distance of time, be separated from the rest of the Estate on which coffee was fully planted, that the arrears outstanding against him should be cleared off, that if he felt dissatisfied with the decision he might appeal to Govt. In reply, Mr Hunt stated that the arrears were the affairs of the Revenue officials of the last time & the then Managers of the Hulikunda Estate, that as the arrears on the excess of land

land

were left uncollected for
so many years, it was mani-
-fest that the Settlement
of 1891-82 was considered equi-
-table, accepted, remained
in force, and acted on by
Successive Revenue officers,
that therefore he could not
pay any arrears, but would
pay full rates on the whole
extent from 1896-97. Thereupon the
Dy Comm^r, ~~the D.C. Trichinopoly~~,
passed an order to the effect
that the grant of the coffee
land was subject to correct
measurement by the Survey
Department, that only
the approximate measure-
-ment was first given, that
so long as the holder of the
Estate wished to keep the land
he should abide by the correct
official Settlement, that if
Mr Hunt did not want the
excess land, it would be sub-
-divided & made into a Separate
number & sold ~~for the arrears~~,
& that if he failed to pay